

ONGOING OBJECTIVES FOR SOUTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

THE VILLAGE FIELD

Put together a solid plan that preserves/protects the integrity of the village field.

Enhancement could be simple maintenance on a regular, planned annual basis (ie: cutting grass twice a year; pruning trees; general clearing etc).

Put in place some agreed guidelines and communicate to ALL Southorpe residents about use of the field and how to gain access. This would include bonfire building protocols!

TRAFFIC CALMING

Continue to work on ways to reduce speed through the village – with traffic calming hardware; signage; and creative thinking. SPC to record data regularly to monitor speed levels into the village so we have some concrete evidence to use for future campaigning with PCC for funding/action.

This could also extend to campaigning for a ‘no right turn’ onto the A47 and ‘no right turn’ into Sutton Heath Road travelling west. Whilst inconveniencing local people, it would also deter rat runners.

FOOTPATHS

We should be committed to ensuring footpaths are kept clear and maintained to provide easy access for residents and visitors. This could involve working closely with the local landowners and the footpath authority at PCC.

Gates/bridges to be checked and maintained.

ENVIRONMENTAL

This covers supporting conservation/environmental initiatives to enhance village life.

Also includes flooding/drainage/sewage. Supporting community initiatives including village rubbish collection and other working groups etc.

PLANNING

We continue to review plans and comment where relevant to preserve the integrity of village life and ensure the local vernacular is maintained.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

We need to improve community engagement which means regular updates on what is being done; involvement in major issues; seeking views from time to time; encouraging participation in Whats App Group; community crimewatch-style input; occasional newsletters; regular updates in local parish magazines; promoting attendance at picnic and bonfire night; motivating local people to support any working group initiatives.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

To ensure Southorpe Parish Council is efficiently run within agreed budgets and to agreed standards/protocols. We must meet ALL legal requirements.

BARNACK WARD

SPC to work with the local Barnack Ward Councillor on a range of initiatives and to ensure that residents’ needs are being promoted to PCC via the ward councillor. SPC to attend ward meetings and Parish Liaison meetings to stay abreast of key issues impacting on rural life.